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SUBJECT: DRAFTING GROUP MEETING, NOVEMBER 11, 1975 (SALT TWO - 845)

1. ARTICLE II.1 (ICBM LAUNCHER DEFINITION): KARPOV TABLED REVISED TEXT (PER SALT TWO 844) AND US PRESENTED TEXT CONTAINING EARLIER AGREED EDITORIAL CHANGES AND RETAINING PHRASE "LAND-BASED" IN BODY OF DEFINITION. RESPONDING TO QUESTIONING BY KLOSSON, KARPOV INDICATED SOVIETS COULD FORMULATE THEIR DEFINITION IN ONE SENTENCE, THEREBY DROPPING TERM "PREDNAZNACHENNIY", AND COULD CONSIDER DROPPING WORD "STRATEGIC". DURING DISCUSSION, DARPOV SAID SOVIET SIDE DID NOT CONSIDER IT POSSIBLE TO ACCEPT PHRASE "ANY DEVICE WHICH CAN BE USED". KLOSSON ASKED WHETHER SOVIET PROPOSED DEFINITION WOULD COVER MOBILE ICBM LAUNCHERS, IF PERMITTED. KARPOV SAID THIS QUESTION WAS BEING CONSIDERED AT ANOTHER LEVEL BUT THE SOVIET DEFINITION SPOKE PRECISELY OF LAND-BASED ICBM LAUNCHERS. EARLE STRESSED NEED FOR CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING ICBM LAUNCHER. KARPOV SAID CRITERIA WERE CONTAINED IN SOVIET PROPOSAL.

2. ARTICLE II.2 (SLBM LAUNCHER DEFINITION): US PROPOSED FOLLOWING SUGGESTED TEXT FOR PARAGRAPH 2: "A SUBMARINE-LAUNCHED

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BALLISTIC MISSILE (SLBM) LAUNCHER IS ANY DEVICE WHICH IS IN-

STALLED ON A NUCLEAR-POWERED SUBMARINE AND WHICH CAN BE USED FOR LAUNCHING A BALLISTIC MISSILE, OR ANY DEVICE WHICH IS INSTALLED ON ANY SUBMARINE, REGARDLESS OF TYPE, AND WHICH CAN BE USED FOR LAUNCHING A BALLISTIC MISSILE OF A TYPE FIRST FLIGHT-TESTED SINCE 1965 OR A BALLISTIC MISSILE OF A TYPE INSTALLED IN NUCLEAR-POWERED SUBMARINES MADE OPERATIONAL SINCE 1965." KLOSSON NOTED THAT US PROPOSAL TOOK INTO ACCOUNT SOVIET DESIRE TO HAVE EQUAL LANGUAGE FOR BOTH SIDES IN THE DEFINITION, SOVIET WISH NOT TO USE THE WORD "MODERN", AND ALSO TWO YEARS OF EFFORT IN THE SCC WHICH LED TO AGREED LANGUAGE ON THIS SUBJECT. KARPOV AGREED TO CONSIDER REVISED US PROPOSAL.

3. ARTICLE II.4 (ASBM/ASM DEFINITION): INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON WHETHER TO INCLUDE REFERENCE TO RANGE (IN EXCESS OF 600 KMS) IN THE DEFINITION ITSELF, AS THE US PROPOSED, OR AS PART OF THE ITEM BEING DEFINED, PER THE SOVIET APPROACH.

4. NEXT MEETING WILL BE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14. JOHNSON

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